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hoped. These programs are...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...they are not only cost effective, but they have also been proven to be effective, and we are at the point where counties have put together very comprehensive plans. They have programs and we have made a commitment and I think we need to follow through in terms of the funding of that, and I believe that that funding is going to have the effect of holding down our cost for corrections and providing the most appropriate kind of punishment for individuals who probably do not...are not the best...are better candidates for alternate kinds of sentencing. So I strongly support the Wehrbein amendment. It clarifies that we can go forward with this. If we don't...if we don't adopt the Wehrbein amendment, we have the money just sitting there but no way for it to be spent. And...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I will go on where I was talking. What Senator Brown just said, the programs that she talked about, I'm telling you people because I've worked in this field for many, many years, Probation is already doing. Again, we have 19,000 community-based offenders being taken care of by Probation today. And these offenders go in every one of the fields she was talking about, anything from sex abusers, DWI, shoplifting and the whole works. And they send these people out to programs. We...let me tell you a little bit about Probation--312 full-time people in 49 different field offices covering the entire state, not just 4 people who are trying to do their very best to give money to local programs. They cover 42 counties and they work with these offenders now doing the same thing. Yet, we want to spend another \$500,000 to give to the Office of Community Justice to give out as grants. Let me give you an example and this is a true example. I am a substance abuse counselor. I am certified as a substance abuse counselor.